

# UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

## Appellate Advocacy Program

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### Panelist Bios

**HONORABLE SUSAN P. GRABER, Circuit Judge**, was born in Oklahoma City. She was appointed to the Ninth Circuit by Bill Clinton in 1997. Judge Graber started her career in the New Mexico, Attorney General's Office and went into private practice. In 1988, she joined the bench with the Oregon Court of Appeals and then served on the Oregon Supreme Court; she has been a Judge for almost 30 years. She attended Wellesley College and earned her J.D. from Yale Law School.

**HONORABLE RICHARD A. PAEZ, Circuit Judge**, was born in Salt Lake City in. He was appointed to the federal district court in Los Angeles by Bill Clinton in 1994, and then to the Ninth Circuit in 1998. Judge Paez spent the majority of his legal career severing low-income clients; working in and directing legal aid offices. He too has been on the bench for over 30 years, starting in 1981 as a judge with the Los Angeles Municipal Court. He attended Wellesley College and earned his J.D. from Yale.

**HONORABLE RICHARD R. CLIFTON, Circuit Judge**, was born in Framingham, Massachusetts. He was appointed to the Ninth Circuit by George W. Bush in 2001 and recently assumed senior status in at the end of 2016. He started as a law clerk for 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judge, Honorable Herbert Y.C. Choy, the first Ninth Circuit judge to sit in Hawaii, and then worked in Hawaii in private practice. He also taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Hawaii. He attended Princeton and earned his J.D. from Yale.

**INGA N. LAURENT** is an Associate Professor and Director of the Externship Program at Gonzaga University, School of Law. She returned to the faculty in Fall of 2017 after spending nine months researching restorative justice in Kingston, Jamaica as a Fulbright scholar. In the classroom, Inga's goal is to prepare students for the challenges and opportunities that will be present as they enter the profession, equipping them with tools for honest and critical assessments of our systems and ourselves. Aside from her work with externships, Professor Laurent is engaged in advocating for criminal justice and legal education reform, as she believes we need innovative and equitable models to better address the shifting needs present in our evolving societies. She is an active member of the national externship community, serving as co-president of the Externship Section of the

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AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education from 2013 - 2015 and as a member of Externship Committee of the Clinical Legal Education Association from 2011 – 2016. Prior to working in academia, Inga worked as a staff attorney with Southeastern Ohio Legal Services (SEOLS) under a grant from the Federal Violence Against Women’s Act (VAWA). While at SEOLS, she provided holistic civil legal services to victims of domestic violence. Inga received her J.D. from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and her B.A. from Westminster College. She has been a member of the Gonzaga community since 2010.

**SUSAN GELMIS** is the Chief Deputy Clerk for Operations at the Ninth Circuit. She has been with the court for 28 years, starting as a Motions Attorney in 1989. In 1992, she became the Supervising Attorney for the newly established Pro Se Unit, which she helped to define and create. In 1993, she worked with the Court and the federal bar to create the Circuit’s Pro Bono Program, which she directed for 22 years. She assumed the additional role of Supervising Attorney of the Motions Unit in 2000. Susan has served on numerous Circuit wide committees and task forces relating to prisoner and pro se litigation, and as liaison to the pro se law clerks in the district courts, organizing and speaking at Circuit wide and national conferences. In December 2015, Susan moved to the Clerk’s Office to assume her current position as Chief Deputy Clerk, where she oversees all docketing and filing and calendaring systems and procedures, and organizes and speaks at CLE programs around the Circuit. Susan is a 1987 graduate of NYU Law School and originally a native of New York.